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Beshear Campaigns In Dad's Hometown



GREETING Andy Beshear when he visited Dawson Springs city hall Friday, Jan. 30, are (from left) Dan Franklin, Neda Adams, Jahn Smiley, and Debbie Cansler.

By Carolyn Walker

Andy Beshear was in Dawson Springs' last week, making one of his first campaign stops in his father's home town. Beshear, the younger son of Gov. Steve Beshear and first lady Jane Beshear, is a Democratic candidate for attorney general. He is unopposed in the May

While in town, he met with residents and city officials and dropped by local restaurants before making a trip to Pennyrile Forest State Resort

Although Beshear never lived in Dawson Springs, he has childhood memories of visiting with family and friends here. He recalls riding on a tractor with his grandfather, the late Russell Beshear. That training came in handy, he said, when his first job as a teenager was mucking out horse stalls.

Once or twice a year Beshear's immediate family, along

with his father's siblings, their spouses and children, gathered in Dawson Springs. They would all sit in the front room or on the porch at his grandparents' home and sing hymns.

"I'll always treasure that music," Beshear said. "It was truly incredible to be a part of."

When his family was in Dawson Springs, they always had breakfast with Rita Grace Ridley, whom Beshear describes as "still a very special person in my life."

grandparents, Beshear said it was Ridley who had the greatest influence on his life.

Other than his parents and

"She helped raise me," he said. "Mrs. Ridley would be my second mother.'

Ridley was the director of the lieutenant governor's mansion during the years when Steve Beshear served in that office, and she frequently looked after Andy and his brother Jeff who were very

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MUST FIND PLAN BY FEB. 15

Deadline Approaching For Kynect Enrollment

to the close of open enrollment enters its final two weeks, nearly Kentuckians have newly enrolled for health care coverage or renewed their current plans through kynect since open enrollment began on Nov. 15, 2014.

This enrollment total includes individuals who have either newly enrolled in a private health insurance plan, qualified for Medicaid coverage or renewed the private insurance plans they purchased through kynect last year.

As the Feb. 15 dead-

As the countdown line to enroll in a qualified health plan for 2015 approaches, outreach events continue at several campuses in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System as well as at other venues. Events are open to students and the general community and will feature kynectors answering questions about kynect and helping Kentuckians find a plan that fits their needs and budgets, along with select giveaways.

The following kynect enrollment statistics are current as of 3:30 p.m. Jan. 29:

•561,104 unique visitors viewing more than 19.6 million pages;

•290,629 individuals have conducted preliminary screenings;

•431,528 calls have been handled by the kynect contact center;

•31,284 new accounts have been created;

•7,855 people have downloaded the new ky-•50,754 new applica-

been submitted; •43,181 have enrolled

tions for coverage have

in Medicaid coverage;

•75,760 individuals have renewed their en-

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PANTHERS don't normally play drums. They generally aren't purple either, but when the Panther mascot is Steven Bearden playing drums with the pep band is something he does, just not usually as a Panther. Bearden performed in his costume during Friday night's basketball game at Panther gym.

Opinions Are Divided On Health Care Act

Poll data released Jan. 29 by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health indicate Kentuckians' opinions of the Affordable Care Act are divided nearly equally with 41 percent having an unfavorable view of the ACA, 39 percent with a favorable view and 20 percent who

The KHIP also reveals more Kentuckians are obtaining information about the law.

KHIP highlights include the fol-

•A majority of Democrats (58 percent) had favorable views of the ACA; a majority of Republicans (64 percent) had unfavorable views. Among Independents, 42 percent had unfavorable views while 31 percent reported a favorable view of the ACA.

•Forty-seven percent of Kentucky adults reported having enough information about ACA to know how it will affect them personally; 51 percent said they do not have enough information.

·Kentucky adults without a high school diploma are more likely to report not having enough information about ACA.

•Fifty-seven percent said the ACA has not had an effect on their family.

 Eighteen percent reported a positive impact from the ACA while 21 percent reported a negative impact.

"KHIP has tracked Kentuckians" views about the ACA since it became law in March 2010," said Susan Zepeda, president/CEO of the Foun-

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

SBDM Hires Chris Baird

The elementary SBDM council held interviews Thursday to fill a kindergarten teaching position vacated when Jackie Greenfield resigned for health reasons. According to principal Jennifer Ward, 17 applications were submitted.

Those applicants, which Ward described as "very highly qualified," were narrowed to four

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prior to the interview process.

The council voted unanimously to hire Chris Baird as Greenreplacement. field's Baird, a graduate of Murray State University, did his student teaching at Dawson Springs Elementary School with Greenfield in kindergarten and with Barbara P'Poole

and Jamie Brantley in

fourth grade. He is cur rently an instructional assistant for grades K-2

in Caldwell County. "We had lots of great applicants, and this was a very hard decision for the council to make,' Ward said. "We feel as a council that we have made the best decision for our students.'

Baird will begin work Feb. 16.

The Dawson Springs Progress



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Kentucky Bourbon Trail Overflowing With Visitors

By Janet Patton Lexington Herald-Leader

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail is becoming a whiskey superhighway.

The Kentucky Distillers' Association reported recently that in 2014 there were 723,503 visits to at least one of the 18 distilleries on the trail or the affiliated craft tour.

This is a 14 percent increase over the 633,000 visits reported by the KDA last year.

Combined with numbers reported earlier by Buffalo Trace and Barton 1792, which are not part of the Bourbon Trail, there were about 867,000 visits to Kentucky's bourbon and moonshine makers.

"The monumental growth of our Kentucky Bourbon Trail experiences is proof that they're the hottest tourism attractions around," said Eric Gregory, KDA "Some of our distill-

eries are up 200 percent in attendance over the last five years, which is great news for local communities that are reaping the tourism benefits.' Bourbon tourism has

become a significant economic driver, according to an economic impact study of the industry released in August.

According to data collected by the distilleries in 2013, 84 percent of the people who visit all the distilleries come from out of state, spend several nights in hotels, and spend millions every year during their visits.

The popularity of the trail, which has an estimated economic impact of more than \$7.5 million, has led to growth of related businesses, including hotels, restaurants, bars, tour buses, and souvenirs across the

The historic Kentucky Bourbon Trail, created in 1999, showcases nine of the state's legendary distilleries; the newer craft tour includes nine distilleries.

While all the distilleries have seen increased tourism, Wild Turkey and Four Roses, both in Lawrenceburg, have jumped 200 percent in five years, Gregory said.

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour — in just its second full year of existence — saw 96,471 visits, a 56 percent increase over its first year, said Adam Johnson, KDA Bourbon Trail director.

All craft distilleries averaged high doubledigit growth with three Corsair in Bowling Green, Silver Trail in Hardin and Wilderness Trail in Danville increasing between 125 and 225 percent over 2013, Johnson said. And more craft distillers are waiting to join, he said.

Visitors who complete 'passports" with stamps from every distillery are eligible for a free T-shirt. The record number of distilleries caused passport numbers to dip slightly in 2014 to 14,312 completions from 14,915 in 2013, Johnson said. "That's completely expected and understandable since the quest to finish all tours is longer," he said.

The KDA is exploring ideas to enhance the passport program with an upscale reward and additional incentives now that it's tougher to achieve, Johnson said. Since the passport program's inception in 2007, more than 75,000 people have finished the tour.

State's Population Grows Between 2013 And 2014

From The Paducah Sun

The estimated population of Kentucky topped 4.4 million between 2013 and 2014, while neighboring Illinois saw its population decline.

Kentucky added an average of 38 residents per day between July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014, bringing its total population to 4,413,457, according to new U.S. Census Bureau state population estimates.

Kentucky ranks as the 26th most populous state, WKYT in Lexington reported Monday.

California remains the most populous state, with 38.8 million residents, followed by Texas at 27 million.

The list of the top 10 most populous states overall didn't change, but Florida passed New York to become third in the nation, while North Carolina moved past Michigan to take ninth place. Georgia, ranked eighth, saw another milestone, with its population topping 10 million for the first time.

numbers dropped by and Colleen Adams Corminus 0.08 percent, or ley. 9,972 residents. The data underscore a Gallup poll from April 2014 that reported half of Illinois residents would move to Bowling Green; three a different state if given sisters, Mary Blanton of

the chance. Five other states -West Virginia, Connecticut, New Mexico, Alaska and Vermont — experienced a drop in popula-

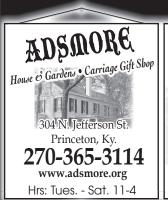
On the whole, the United States saw its population increase by 2.4 million, or 0.75 percent, to

318.9 million.

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OBITUARIES

Services Held Jan. 25 For John B. Matheny

Bradley Matheny, 85, of Dawson Springs, was held Jan. 25 at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. J.W. Haire officiated. Burial, with military rites conducted by the U.S. Army and the Hopkins County Honor Guard, was in Ilsley Cemetery. Matheny died Jan. 21,

2015, at West Kentucky Veterans Center in Han-

He was born Jan. 6, 1930, in Hopkins County, to the late William A. and Eloise Walker Matheny. He worked as a ma-

chinist with Quickset for

more than 40 years and

was of the Baptist faith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicky Gail Snyder; a brother, Billy B. Matheny, July 13, 2008; and a sister,



Maxine Matheny Allen, March 20, 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Melissa Matheny of Chicago, Ill.; a son, Anthony Matheny, Hainesville, Ill.; a sister, Janet L. Crick and her husband Richard Chiodo of Dawson Springs; and two grandsons, Ryan Matheny and Sean Matheny.

Services Held Friday For Ronald D. Miller

The funeral for Ronald D. Miller, 66, of Madisonville, was held Friday at Reid-Walters Funeral Home.

The Rev. Dennis Mayfield officiated. Burial was in Suthards Cemetery. Miller died Jan. 27,

2015, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Ind. He was born Dec. 21,

1948, in Hopkins County, to the late Donald Miller Sr. and Mary Josephine Elf Miller. He was a retired miner

with Island Creek Coal Company and a member of the Hanson Masonic Lodge. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his

wife, Linda Miller of Madisonville; three sons, Billy Miller and Roger Miller, both of Madisonsville, and Kevin Hudson of Bremen; two sisters, Mary Ann Bratcher and Betty Lou Davis, both of Madisonville; two brothers, Don Miller Jr. of Valparaiso, Ind., and Jerry Miller of St. Charles; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Ches-

ter Burden, Corey Miller, Danny Miller, Chris Miller, Daniel Miller and Brian Miller.

contribu-Memorial tions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 1900 Richmond Lexington, KY Road.

Private Services Planned For Bonnie Sue Corley

55, of Madisonville, died Jan. 31, 2015.

She was born March By contrast, Illinois' 27, 1960, to the late Buck

She was of the Baptist

faith. Survivors include a son, Jesse Wallace of Madisonville, Barbara

Bonnie Sue Corley, Metz and Wilda Corley, both of St. Charles; four Bill Corley brothers. and Jerry Corley, both of Cannelton, Ind., Donald Corley of Tell City, Ind., and Rex Corley of McHenry, Ill.; and a son, Jesse Wallace of Bowling

Memorial services will be private. Reid-Walters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



DOING "double duty" as custodians, school superintendent Lenny Whalen (left) and principal Kevin Stockman clean up a spill at a basketball game at the local gym Friday, Jan. 16. Observers are Kelly Whalen and Mike Duncan.

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Service Held Tuesday For Judy S. Tomlinson

The funeral for Judy Ann Storms Tomlinson, 64, of Nashville, formerly of Dawson Springs was held Tuesday at Beshear Funeral Home.

Jonathon Storms and Stan Stallins officiated. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery. Ms. Tomlinson died

Feb. 1, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville. She was born Sept. 26,

1950, in Hopkins County, to the late Edward Eugene and Billie Jean Storms. She owned and oper-

ated Tomlinson Pest Con-

trol for 21 years an was of

the Christian faith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Shawn David Riley, May 1, 2014.

Survivors include a son, Shane Riley of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters, Marcy Smiley of Dawson



JUDY TOMLINSON

Springs and Carol Lamb of Owensboro; two broth-Edward Eugene Storms II and Michael Schyuler Storms, both of Dawson Springs. Pallbearers were Jona-

thon Storms, Schyuler Storms, Taylor Barnett, Ryan Smiley, Matt Riley and Cole Parker. Honorary pallbearers

were Tyler Son, Steven Parker, John Rogers and David Washburn.

Private Services Planned For Doris Faye Foster Doris Faye Foster, 69, death by a brother, Carl

of Earlington, died Jan. 26, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville. She was born Aug. 1,

1945, in Hopkins County, to the late James and Ann Buchanan Foster. She was a nurse at Regional Medical Center

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in

and was of the Christian

Ray Foster.

Survivors include a sister, Rebecca Adams of Nortonville; two brothers. Dennis Foster of Maryland and James Foster of Indiana; and several nieces and neph-

Funeral services will be private. Reid-Walters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held Monday For James M. Almon

The funeral for James Michael Almon, 58, of Earlington, was held Monday at Faith Baptist Church in Madisonville. Reid-Walters **Funeral** Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pastor Chuck Evans officiated. Burial was in Old Suthards Cemetery.

Almon died Jan. 30, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born July 13, 1956, in Hopkins County, to the late James Walter and Zetta Jean Brannon He had worked in qual-

ity control at GE and was a member of Faith Bap-

Survivors include his wife, Tresia Almon; three sons, Phillip Michael Almon of Madisonville, Christopher Lynn Almon of Nortonville, and Steven Bradley Almon of Earlington; a sister, Debbie Burns of Barnsley; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

KET Announces Upcoming Features Of Louisville Life

The next episode of Louisville Life, hosted by Candyce Clifft, profiles longtime Bellarmine University professor and acclaimed sculptor Bob Lockhart; samples the chocolate creations at ArtEatables candy company; interviews author Sharon P.S. Marx about her book, Looking for Love Through Thicker Lenses: A Guide to Dating Later in Life; and travels to Belmar Flower Shop, which has been serving clients on Preston Highway for more than 70 years. Louisville Life airs at 9 p.m. Sunday

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Ark Encounter Could Bring 500,000 Visitors First Year bonds for the project.

By Linda B. Blackford Lexington Herald Leader

A planned amusement park featuring a life-sized Noah's Ark in Northern Kentucky could bring just under 500,000 visitors to Grant County in its first year, and would eventually create between 500 and 700 new jobs, according to a new economic impact study on the \$73 million project.

The number of visitors would swell to about 650,000 in year three before settling to about 400,000 a year by the end of the decade, but those projections for Ark Encounter are much less than the 1.2 million people and 900 full-time jobs projected in 2011.

Ken Ham, president and founder of Answers in Genesis, the parent company of the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, disputes the numbers in the report by Hunden Strategic Partners of Chicago.

Instead, he prefers to rely on the 2011 study done by America's Research Group, which is run by Britt Beemer, a co-author with Ham on one of his books. That study predicted 1.2 million visitors in the park's first year.

"That is the report that is most accurate," Ham said in a phone interview Wednesday.

State tourism officials, who requested the latest report, declined to comment.

The Dec. 3 Hunden report, which the Herald-Leader obtained using the Open Records Act, concludes the park is a legitimate tourist destination that qualifies it for state tourism tax incentives. However, state tourism officials disqualified the project for an incentive package worth up to \$18.5 million on Dec. 10 because of concerns that its hiring requirements would discriminate based on religion.

Ham has since

threatened to sue the state to get the incentives. "Any legal thing like that takes a long time and we're still working on it ... but it's still on the table," he said. "The main thing is that those sales tax rebates have nothing to do with building the Ark." He said excavation

of the park site is finishing and predicted that it will be open by summer 2016. Hunden based its

estimates of the project's economic impact on two scenarios: The first looks at the project as a general amusement park featuring a Noah's Ark. The other assumes the park is based on a more strict religious viewpoint, similar to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, which depicts the Creationist viewpoint that men lived alongside dinosaurs.

Under the first scenario, the project would create \$40 milfirst decade and create 787 jobs. The net fiscal impact to the state would be \$11.4 million after accounting for the proposed tax incentives and a planned \$11 million interchange off I-75 in Williamstown, where the Ark Encounter is breaking ground. Under the second sce-

nario, the project would create \$34.2 million in new taxes and 514 jobs in the first decade. That net fiscal impact would be \$4.9 million. The report also gave

new details on Ark Encounter's fundraising, which has experienced hurdles since 2010, when it was first planned as a \$172 million project. According to Hunden, the funding would

\$27.5 in private funding. In 2013, Williamstown backed \$62 million in taxable indus-

come from about \$45.5

million in bonds and

trial building revenue

Investors who pur-

chased at least \$100,000 in bonds were given incentives that included "Lifetime Family Boarding Passes" to the Ark and free lifetime admission to the Creation Museum, according to the report.

Donors also have the opportunity to sponsor building materials, the report said. They can buy a peg for \$100, a plank for \$1,000 or a beam for \$5,000. In addition,

liamstown has pledged to develop a local Tax Increment Financing district for the construction site and has

pledged to give 75 percent of the increase in property taxes back to the project for 30 years. The report also noted

that attendance at the Creation Museum had decreased every year since it opened in 2007, with its lowest attendance in 2014. Ham disputed that characterization, saying attendance was up 31 percent last

Still, Ham said the new report was posi-

"This one took an ultra-conservative approach, but it still shows it has a great impact on the economy," he said.

Landmark Church Invites Friends To Special Service

Feb. 8 will be Friends Sunday at Landmark Apostolic Holiness Church. Sunday school begins

at 1 p.m. and worship at

be the guest speaker, and special music will be performed by the Moore Family. A meal will be served following the service.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE Jehu Kills Joram and Ahaziah

Jehu conspired against Joram who was in Jezreel recovering from the wounds the

Arameans had inflicted on him in the battle with Hazael king of Aram. Ahaziah king of

II Kings 9

Judah was visiting with Joram. Seeing him approach, horsemen were sent to see if Jehu came in peace. Jehu instructed them to join his forces. After the second horseman joined Jehu, Joram went to meet him, taking Ahaziah of Judah with him. They met him at the plot of ground that had belonged to Naboth the Jezreelite. Joram asked Jehu if he came in peace. Jehu replied by asking how could there be peace as long as all the idolatry and witchcraft of Joram's, Jezebel abounded. Joram fled and Jehu drew his bow and shot Joram between the shoulders. The arrow pierced his heart and he slumped down in his chariot. Jehu ordered that he be thrown on the field that belonged to Naboth the Jezreelite.

Ahaziah king of Judah fled but Jehu chased him and he was wounded in his chariot but he escaped to Megiddo and died there. His servants took him by chariot to Jerusalem and buried him with his fathers in his tomb in the City of David.

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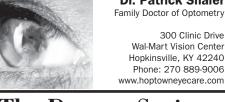
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White Plains Man Jailed Facing Multiple Charges

Charles A. Gamble, 57, of White Plains, was arrested Saturday by Kentucky State Police on multiple charges. Gamble was charged

with violation of a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/Domestic Violence Order on a twoyear-old warrant. In addition, he was charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000, second-degree criminal mischief, fleeing/evading police (on foot) and resisting arrest.

He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Felony Drug Arrest Made By KSP In Madisonville

A Madisonville resident was arrested Saturday by Kentucky State Police on drug trafficking charges.

While conducting a traffic safety check point, troopers observed a vehicle traveling east on McLeod Avenue in Madisonville. The driver, later identified as Owen W. Gamblin, saw the check point and made an abrupt stop and then a right turn onto Jewell Street, failing to use his turn signal.

Troopers located the vehicle as Gamblin was turning around in a driveway and conducted a traffic stop. Their investigation revealed marijuana, drug paraphernamethamphetamine items consistent with drug trafficking.

A passenger in the vehicle, Amber Burns of Louisville, had an outstanding Jefferson County bench warrant which was executed.

Gamblin was charged with failure to use a turn signal, trafficking in a first-degree controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana and buying/ possessing drug paraphernalia.

Gamblin and Burns were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

January Activity Report Released By KSP Post 2

For the month of January, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 1,789 citations, 623 speeding citations, 164 seat belt citations, 11 child restraint citations and 671 courtesy notices. They arrested 37 impaired drivers, investigated 81 traffic crashes, assisted 163 stranded motorists, responded to 704 calls for service, made 220 criminal arrests and opened 54 criminal cases.

Three fatal crashes that resulted in the loss of four lives were reported in the Post 2 District in January. A double-fatality crash involving the suspected use of alcohol occurred in Todd County. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Caldwell and Hopkins counties. The fatality in Caldwell County involved the suspected use of alcohol. Three victims were wearing seat belts, and one victim was not wearing a seat belt.

Through Jan. 31, 2014, 3 people had been killed in three fatal crashes in the Post 2 District.

Throughout month, troopers from Post 2 will conduct traffic safety checkpoints. The traffic safety checkpoints are utilized to promote safety for motorists and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws.

For traffic safety checkpoint locations, refer to www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/ press/post2_checkpoints.

Slaughters Man Killed In Single-Vehicle Accident

A Slaughters man died Friday in a single-vehicle accident on Lenin Road in Madisonville.

According to Hopkins County Sheriff's Office, Aaron Sutton, 24, apparently lost control of his vehicle, over corrected, crossed the road and struck a tree. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The Hanson Fire Department, Hopkins County Coroner's Office and ity for Medicaid benefits. Med Center Ambulance assisted.

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Thursday, Jan. 15, during the children's storyhour session at the local library.

Local Residents Indicted By Hopkins Grand Jury

Several local residents were indicted Jan. 22 by the Hopkins Circuit Court grand jury.

—David Carter, 19, 215 S. Main St., third-degree terroristic threatening, four counts of fourth-degree assault, first-degree unlawful imprisonment and intimidating a witness.

-Amy Keen, 24, 45 Rosedale Court, Apt. 27, failing to report a change in the factors affecting her eligibility for SNAP benefits, failing to report a change in the factors affecting her eligibility for K-Tap benefits, failing to report a change in the factors affecting her eligibility for Kentucky Works Program travel benefits and failing to report a change in the factors affecting her eligibil-

—Brandi Orten, 35, 502 Scott St., first-degree criminal trespass.

–Matthew Foe, 27, 408 S. Main St., Apt. 6, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of synthetic drugs, possession drug paraphernalia and first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

—Joshua Peters, 22, Apartments #33, manslaughter in the second degree.

Correction

the high school academic team's district championship were omitted in last week's edition. Dakota Ford placed second in sciregional competition. The Progress regrets the error. Detention Center.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities The Dawson Springs

Police Department released the following report last week:

-Lonnie W. Menser, 51, Dawson Springs, was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others, \$500 or more but under \$10,000 on a warrant. Four local residents

were charged by the Madisonville Police De--Ronnie Gibson, 55,

344 Charleston Road, was charged Jan. 27 with operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator's license, no registration plates and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. —Adam J. Gray, 38,

1758 Fiddlebow Road, was charged Jan. 27 with nonpayment of fines on a Muhlenberg County war-

—Daniel R. Hulsey, 28, 2311 Old Price Road, was charged Jan. 30 with probation violation, nonpayment of fines and two counts of failure to appear on Hopkins County warrants.

–Terry W. Carter, 41, 9985 Nortonville Road, was charged Jan. 30 with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County war-

people were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department: -Matthew Allard, 32, Union Grove Road, was charged Jan. 25 on six

Hopkins County war-

rants and a Crittenden

Two Dawson Springs

County warrant. –Brandi D. Orten, 35, 502 Scott St., was charged Jan. 27 with first-degree criminal trespassing on a Hopkins County crimi-

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. **Issues Restaurant Report** The following food

establishment inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department through Jan. 28.

•Ideal Market (Center

Violation for boxes of Styrofoam cups stored on

•Rally's — 93

Violations for debris buildup on inside lip of ice machine, boxes of food product on floor in walkin freezer, cooler door gasket in need of repair and thermometers not found in some cooling units.

•Sureway — 98

Violation for boxes of food product on floor in walk-in freezer. Dixie Pan Restaurant

Carmike Cinemas —

Violation for debris buildup beneath drink machine.

•Taco John's — 99

Violations for liquid buildup on inside lip of ice machine and food spillage in bottom of steam table.

·Burger King (South

Violation for thermometers not found in

Main) — 98

some cooling units. Regional Senior Citizen Center — 100

•Short's Grocery — 97 Violations for lid needed on trash container in restroom and floor in

poor repair. •Domino's Pizza — 100

Nortonville Man Injured In One-Vehicle Accident

Nortonville man was charged with offenses related to child exploitation following an investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Gary L. Coburn, 53, was arrested after Detective Lloyd Ray executed The names of students a search warrant on his who placed in science in residence on Swan Lake Road in Nortonville.

Coburn was charged with two counts of possession of matter portraying sexual perforence, and Hunter McGee mance by a minor, a class was fifth. Both advanced to D felony. He was lodged in the Hopkins County

The arrest was the result of an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation that began in December. The complaint involved the accused using the Internet to download material which contained

child exploitation images. Ray's investigation is continuing. Madisonville Police Department Detective Bob Couchman, KSP Detectives Dan Morck, Matt Foster, Carlo Anderson, Trooper Joe Bartolotti, Sgt. Nick Rice and Sgt. Derek Smith assisted at the scene.

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RECOGNIZED at the Monday, Jan. 26, meeting of the Dawson Springs Board of Education are students who were members of the all-district band and those who received fine arts awards for the month (front, from left) Linsey Hoard, Erica Bruce, Daniel Garrett, (back) Emily Garrett, Lauren Davenport, C.J. Merideth, Jessica Earl, and Ellie Blake.



DAWSON SPRINGS School staff members, nominated by either parents of students or fellow staff members for special contributions they have made are (from left) Tracy Bruce, Laura Lucas, Shannon Parker, Tracy Collins, and Jeff Miller.

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First Grade

Kailey Adamson, Bryson Coggins,

Sariah Consolino, Saydee Cowan, Elijah Dunbar, Jacob Embry, Aubrie Hickerson, Jennings, Lakhia Matchem, Benjamin Menser, Jaxson Miller, Joshua Pace, Gabriel Thomas, Jaxen Thomas, Hunter Wirth

<u>3.50–3.9</u>9

Brooke Charles, Jackson Hilt, Carter McCutchen, Trevor McKnight, Mason Miller, Jaydon Plunkette, Alley Sherman, Nathaniel Walls, Micah Wash-

3.00 - 3.49

Jamien Abbott, Jakub Bowley, Darrell Brandon, Craig Davis, Robert Davis, Samuel Duke, Max Franklin, Alexis Hale, James Kovach, Jasmine Lynch, Payton Massey, Elijah McKinney, Peyton Nolan, Haylee O'Neil, Hayden Rudd, Kyrstin Tossi, Tavionna Tramill

Second Grade

Gracie Barnett, Emily Barrientos, Riley Buntin, Bailee Coates, Trevor Denardis, Chyenne Earl, Ashton Farmer, Elizabeth Garrett, Keaton Gentry, Hailey Goodaker, Cadence Harris, Emily Hilt, Annabell Jarboe, Montgomery Johnston, Savannah Matheny, Christopher Morgan, Memphis Opalek, Peyton Pace, Tallie Robinson, Cheydon Shelton, Lauren Throgmorton, Ava Ward, Levi West 3.50-3.99

Dakota Berry, Chloe Britt, Erica Bruce, Kolby Crook, Chloe Massey, Emma Midkiff, Taylor Paris, Colin Reardon, Caydin Riley, Vincent Stanley, Alyssa Wells

3.00 - 3.49

Annicka Baird, Eryn Camplin, Bobby Cotton, Kevin Gray, Bradley Latham, Skylar Rawlins, James Terry, Brylegh Tolbert, Mariah Young **Third Grade**

Graclyn Haynes, Ruby Jade Hilt, Haven Stevenson <u>3.50–3.99</u>

Samarah Coggins, Jonathan Garrett, Ace Gipson, Natalie McGinnis, Mark O'Neil, Thomas Purdy, Eryn Sizemore, Kyleigh Vinson

<u>3.00–3.49</u>

Madeline Back, Kaydence Bowley, Mackenzie Creekmur, Tyler Crook, Anna Davis, Colton Dismang, Dustin Drake, James Embry, Alanna Harris, Samantha Hendrix, Timothy Petit, Greyson Pleasant, Jakob Purdy, Johnathon Strader Fourth Grade

Michael Blanton, Robert Bullock, Kimberly Burbage, Shelby Capps, Timothy Franklin, Tyler Hale, Kaleigh Haulk, Desiree Hunt, Natalee Oldham, Landon Smiley, Brooklyn Thompson, Abigail Ward, Daylan Wells

3.50 - 3.99

Grayson Brewer, Noah Chappel, Brooklynn Clark, Logan Halverson, Christopher Jones, Michaela McBride, Yosiyah McCune, Ella Midkiff, Jordan Opalek, Trenton Shuck, Brianna Tossi, Rachael Young

<u>3.00–3.49</u> Caden Alfred, Macy Drennan, Timothy Ellis, Chelsea Griffin, Joseph Lane, Emma

LaRose, Brittany Bryden Mann, Alex Mitchell, Ethan Osborne, Zachary Peters, Caleb Reardon,

Logan Spurlin Fifth Grade

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dill, Calob Davis, Marissa Foe,

Ashley Jennings, Alexandria

Jones, Courtney Menser, Jase Phillips, Madison Purdy, Jordan Thomas, Leonard Whalen, Natasha Wigley

3.00-3.49

Shawn Davis, Adrian Edmonson, Nathaniel Litchfield, Kendra Payne, Amber Putman, Riley Rawlins, Wesley Shuck, Lauryn Sizemore, Shevonne Weaver

Sixth Grade

4.00

Cydney Collins, Ayden Davis, Dylan Dawson, Caleb Garrett, Linsey Hoard, Landon Pace, Savannah Smith

<u>3.50–3.99</u>

Emily Abbott, Matalie Fain, Gabrielle Laxton, Robert McCuiston, Wesley Oden, Chancie Robinson, Joseph Shuck, William Simons, Ivory Tackett, Megan Teague

3.00 - 3.49

Alexandria Bean, Alexis Blanton, Jacob Brasher, Michael Burgess, Ricky Camplin, Aubree Duncan, Amber Ford, Madysen Furgerson, Colton Henry, Caden Hickerson, Joshua Humphrey, Ethan Jones, Kaylie McGregor, Logan McKnight, Angel Mendoza, Mathew Miller, Chloe Shrum, Michelle Teague, Kieran Varni

Seventh Grade

Courtney Bayer, Ethan Huddleston, Talan Moore, Emma Thorp

3.50 - 3.99

Daniel Garrett, Zoe Howton, Brennen Cunningham, Aubrie Gunn, Jalynn Hooper, Sloane Parker, Cynthia Solomon, Charles Abbott, Keelyn Riggs, Ethan Stuart, Cameron McKnight, Jacob Solomon

3.00 - 3.49

Denisha Randolph, Ethan Vincent, Alicia Nieters, Braxton Cotton, Ethan Fain, Abigail McGregor, Trey Blanchard, Sunny Rice, Alexa Alshire, Makayla Bean, Bethany Burbage, Kaitlynn Dearing, Justin Knight, Devon Neisz

Eighth Grade

Ty Akin, Abigail Arthur, Tanner Barnes, Kylie Littlejohn, Johnni Rodriguez, Tyler Weir <u>3.50–3.99</u> Carlyann Alexander, Heaven

Bratcher, Sabreyn Pleasant, Hayden Cunningham, Kayla Nichols, Madison Laffoon, Marlee Burden, Mikah Whisler, Kaylee Simpson, Mallory Hall, Katelinn Green 3.00-3.49

Toni Jones, Courtney Dunn, Shyann Wilken, Christian

Abbott, Alyssa Dismang, Erica Williams, Erin Orten, Carolann Oakley **Ninth Grade**

Catherine Alexander, Alysta Butts, Colton Collins, Brooklyn Cotton, Lauren Davenport, Hunter McGee, Dakota Shuck 3.50 - 3.99

Madison Garrett, Riggs, Reagan Ethan Garrison, Kiana Hooper, Jennifer McCraw, Jett McKnight, Macy Merrell, Taylor Whalen

3.00-3.49

Abigail Parker, Andrew Davis, Nathan Jennings, Ellie Blake,

Kevin Brooks, Joshua Jones, Ashley Winters, Devan Baker Tori Bullock, Ryan Burns Heather Genseal

Tenth Grade

Courtney Copeland, Haylie Cunningham, Tamara Griffin, Kimberly Marcum, Bailey Moore, Dylan Simpson, Michael Weir

<u>3.50–3.99</u> Kylie Daugherty, Kristian Ford, Emily Garrett, Erin

Woolsey, Victoria Hooper Adriana Coy, Kaitlyn Hud dleston, Amber Payne, Keyli Burden, Malaia Miller 3.00 - 3.49Tanner Adams, Anthony

Davis, Asher Lucas, John Price. Sara Brandon, Trisha Mannahan, Isiah Abbott, Kori Caldwell, Shianne Rice **Eleventh Grade**

5.00-4.00

Celebrity Duncan, Allison Gordon, Kaiylyn Menser, Tatum Rose, Allie Mills, Cameron Riley, Jessica Earl, David Thorp,

Savannah Bean, Kayla Bigham Andie Mills, Ben Workman 3.50 - 3.99Marissa Coyazo, Breanna Rice

Carly Bruce, Sydney Menser Shatiki Robinson, Jonathan Williams, Sydney Cowan, Bailey Palmer, Presley Stevens <u>3.00–3.49</u>

Joshua Castle, Shawna Poyner, Shelby Ladd, Dakota Ford, Cole Parker, Jacob Messamore, Jacob Wells, Jeremy Drake, Alyssa Gilland, Windy

Lewis, Brittany Parish **Twelfth Grade**

5.00-4.00

Autumn Reece, Christina Norris, Seth Parker, Victoria Solomon, Olivia Dunn, C.J. Merideth 3.50 - 3.49

Callie Menser, Rose Dunbar Tracy Thomas, Patricia Tabor Alex Mathis, Steven Bearden Lindsey Carter <u>3.00–3.49</u>

Shavna Jackson, Kevin Cum-

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<u>ABOUT TOWN</u>

Roller coaster rides aren't this bumpy

"I have to tell you, every day is a roller coaster," — Rush Limbaugh

It's not often this writer will use a quote by Mr. Limbaugh, but this one fits the past week's up and down ride to a tee.

The up and down ride we have experienced here in Dawson Springs was caused by gasoline prices and the way they bounced up and down seemingly every day.

The week started with all stations in Dawson Springs charging \$1.89/gallon for regular unleaded gasoline on Monday, Jan. 23. By the afternoon, however, the two places selling gasoline owned by the same company moved their price to \$1.99.

Then came Tuesday and the prices fell which everyone celebrated. A gallon of the unleaded mixture sold for \$1.83 that morning at the other two convenience stores which was matched later that day by the two which were at \$1.99.

This fellow bought gasoline Wednesday morning for that seemingly low price and was very happy.

That happiness exploded when we noticed by later that same day the company with two stores raised their price to a whopping \$2.09/gallon.

Thank goodness, the two convenience stores located on U.S. Hwy 62W didn't match that price, but the newest of the two did bump its price to \$1.89.

By Thursday afternoon, however, all four had gone up to \$2.09 for reasons only they could know. There were no hurricanes or oil rigs ablaze in the Gulf of Mexico, and oil prices were still low. Saudia Arabia's King Abdullah had died on Monday of thatweek, but it had been several days and Saudi's new leader had proclaimed oil production would stay the same. What was driving the gasoline price up by more than 14 percent in one day? It never fell by 14 percent on the way down.

But then it did fall, from \$2.09 Thursday afternoon back down to \$1.89 everywhere in Dawson Springs Friday morning.

Now here we sit writing a column about gasoline prices which were \$1.89 Tuesday morning at two convenience stores but was \$1.99 at that time of the morning at both stores owned by the same company. That didn't last long. By noon, the \$1.99 had in-

creased to \$2.09 once again while the other two re-Whew! Roller coasters should be fun. Watching

the price of gasoline in Dawson Springs jump up and down and up and down isn't fun. It's as if you need to roll the dice to decide when to fill up. So far, it's worked out. Not only did I buy gas at

\$1.83 last week, over the weekend I paid \$1.78 in Tennessee when returning from...

My granddaughter Clara's first birthday party!!! Speaking of that party, if anyone would like to see Clara eating a cupcake from that party, it just so happens to be on my phone. Just ask and I'll be happy to show it.

How many times have the commercials and halftime show been much, much more entertaining than the actual football game they call the Super Bowl?

I would venture to say that would be the case most of the time. But this year was an exception.

The commercials were not really anything spectacular. Katy Perry's halftime show was definitely better than the commercials and was a spectacle to see, but since I'm not really much of a Katy Perry music fan — well it was something to see if not necessarily something to hear.

But the football game — it was reason enough to tune in, and tuning in is what more than 100 million people did to make it the most viewed Super Bowl of

Could it have been because of deflategate? Or was it because of what Marshawn Lynch said — or didn't

Both of those are possible reasons, but more than likely the viewership came from the many people who usually would just flip right on by when seeing a game that isn't close. Those people tuned right in when they saw it was a nail biter.

At least for a few moments the talk of who might have let the air out of the footballs turned to Seattle coach Pete Carroll and the decision to throw a pass on second down at the one yard line. The Monday morning (and Sunday evening) quarterbacks were practically in unison declaring it the dumbest play call in the history of play calling. This quarterbackwanna-be agreed — at that time.

But the play call wasn't really that bad. It took a tremendous play by a rookie defensive back who gave credit to the pre-game preparation which came from a coaching staff which prides itself on having

their team ready to compete.

What if Marshawn Lynch would have been stuffed back two straight times and the Seahawks stopped at the one yard line when time ran out? Wouldn't those same folks who said it was the worst play call ever have questioned why Carroll didn't at least try to pass the ball once? Or perhaps let his mobile quarterback try an option to pass or run outside?

Losers can't win and winners usually make great

plays. That's the way the cookie crumbles. *************

Since the Patriots won, here are some laughs at their expense...

— If the Patriots offense is not dominant, does that make them unpatriotic?

— Did you hear about the cereal Bill Belichick and

Tom Brady eat before games?

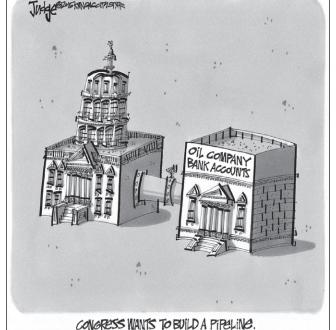
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Commentary...

Term limits is not likely to happen

By Lee H. Hamilton

It didn't get much attention at the time, but the elections last November did more than give Republicans a majority in the U.S. Senate. Voters also added to the ranks of people on both sides of Capitol Hill who believe members of Congress should serve a limited number of terms.

I know a lot of people to whom this is good news. I know them, because I hear from them every time I speak at a public event that allows for a give-and-take with the audience. Americans are frustrated with the federal government as a whole and with Congress in particular, and are searching for a simple solution. The notion that the bums could be thrown out automatically has great appeal.

Yet as popular as the idea might be among the public at large, it has no traction on Capitol Hill. The fundamental problem is that any measures imposing limits will need the support of leaders who, almost by definition, have served a long time. They're not going to put themselves out of a job they like. Small surprise that bills calling for term limits don't even make it out of committee.

Now, I should say right up front that you're not going to hear a strong argument in favor of term limits from a guy who served 34 years in Congress. I'm biased. But I want to spell out the reasons for my bias, not because I think term limits are a burning issue in Washington — they're not — but because I wish they were less of an issue for ordinary voters.

Congress has a lot of problems right now, and the American people have a role to play in fixing them, but term limits are a distraction from the truly hard work that needs to be done.

When you boil down all the debating points for and against term limits, there are two that bear the crux of the argument. The first has to do with the nature of our democracy. Supporters of the idea believe that bringing in fresh thinking and new leaders on a regular basis will make Congress

stripping voters of the right to re-elect a representative whom they've supported in the past does not make for a more democratic system — rather, less. Representative government

more representative. However,

rests on the notion that voters get to choose their legislators. Telling them that this is true for all candidates but one — the incumbent does not strengthen voters' rights; it reduces their choices.

It also weakens Congress. And that's the other key issue.

The most important point to remember in all this is that if you take power away from a senior legislator, that power does not evaporate. Instead, it flows to the bureaucracy and the President. Serving productively in Congress is a tough, exacting task. It demands a deep knowledge of the issues that confront the country; a keen eye — backed by years of experience — for the ways in versity. He was a member of the which executive agencies can go off track and then seek to hide that 34 years.

fact; insight into the ways in which both allies and opponents on any given issue might be motivated to shift their positions; and the hard-earned wisdom to forge common ground among competing interests and ideologies.

easily. Kicking members of Congress out of their seats just as they're gaining the ability to legislate effectively and oversee the government responsibly demotes

These traits come

neither quickly nor

Congress to the status of a minor agency. A politician elected to a limited term immediately begins looking for another job, which reduces his or her effectiveness and attention to the job at hand. Moreover, in government, information is power. Legislators constantly come up against

executive branch expertise backed by thousands of employees and big budgets. Legislators without expertise are at a strong disadvan-Term limits are not the solution to the real dysfunction that

besets Washington. They reduce the choices of voters and accelerate the accumulation of power in the executive branch. They move representative democracy in the wrong direction.

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Other editors

Kentucky must restrict eminent domain

Kentucky's Rand Paul was one of only two Republicans in the Senate who voted to protect the property rights of those whose homes and farms lie in the

path of the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline. Paul supports the crude-oil pipeline but saw that something bigger is at stake when private companies claim the power to seize property that is not theirs. Paul might have been playing to his Tea Party base, but his vote kept the faith with rural Kentuckians across the political spectrum.

Despite receiving pleas from rural Nebraskans, the other Kentuckian in the Senate, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, voted against an amendment that would have blocked the use of eminent domain by TransCanada. The Canadian company wants to transport crude oil from Alberta tar sands to Gulf Coast refineries.

The amendment's 43-54 defeat means TransCanada's claim to eminent domain will continue to be battled in state courts. In Nebraska, that could take years, which renders McConnell's push to get congressional approval for the pipeline rather meaning-

The Kentucky legislature, on the other hand, can do something very meaningful when it reconvenes next month by making it clear that the use of eminent domain in Kentucky is for public service only.

Specifically, the legislature should make clear that the builders of pipelines transporting natural gas liquids, the chemical byproducts of natural gas extraction, have no power of eminent domain — in contrast to pipelines carrying natural gas for distribution by public utilities.

The legislature also should put NGL pipelines under the same siting process as electrical infrastructure construction projects that are not part of a public utility. In Nebraska, TransCanada is making landowners

lucrative offers in hopes of avoiding condemnation fights, but a dedicated group of holdouts is determined to protect the rich land where they raise food for millions of people and the Ogallala aquifer, one of North America's great sources of fresh water.

government to discuss jobs, we also believe our

An anti-pipeline group in Nebraska recently wrote to McConnell: "While we understand the need for the federal

property rights should not be traded away for an export pipeline that brings 35 jobs long-term to our country." (While Keystone would employ thousands of construction workers, its permanent workforce

"Many of our farms and ranches individually employ and support more than 35 jobs in our towns. Collectively, the agriculture industry in Nebraska alone provides more than \$21 billion in revenues. If you want to talk about supporting and creating jobs, then let's get to work on infrastructure for rural

bridges and reliable rural broadband. "P.S.: We sent an invitation to you back in November inviting you to visit with us on the actual route. We even said we could host a 'Bourbon Summit.' You never responded. The invitation is still open."

—Lexington Herald-Leader

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago 10 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005.)

The Dawson Springs Fire Department is having an open house tonight for retired fire chief Terry

The Panther girls snapped a five-game losing string with a 64-42 win over Christian Fellowship last Friday night. The Panther boys won 76-48. The funeral for Bobbie Dockery Brown, 98, was

held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in New Beulah Cemetery. The funeral for Carolyn "Susie" Rawlins, 53, was held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29, at Beshear Funeral

Home. Burial was in Prospect Cemetery. The funeral for Ollia Belle Bailey, 86, was held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Burial was in Suthard Church Cemetery. The funeral for Lee Morrow Hibbs, 60, was held Monday afternoon, Jan. 31, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Burial was in McNeely Cemetery. The funeral for Virginia Louise Cansler, 82, was held Friday afternoon, Jan. 28, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Elmer Neveline Edwards, 86, was held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 2, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Ilsley Cemetery.

25 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1990.)

Due to the rising operation costs and declining revenues the Community Center Board of Directors has raised the usage fee of the building to \$50 for the large meeting room and \$30 for the smaller room.

Benjamin Thomas Bowling was born Sunday, Jan. 14, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville. He weghed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

Michelle Nicole Lovelace was born Friday, Jan. 19, at Methodist Hospital in McKenzie, Tenn. She weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces. Chelsea Don Mills was born Wednesday, Jan. 24,

at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville. She weighed nine pounds. Funeral was held for Laudia A. Dame, 94, Saturday

at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Rani Shea Aldridge was the winner of the KEA

President's Spelling Bee in Hopkins County on Jan.

50 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 4, 1965.)

Miss Gayla June Oldham has been named West Hopkins High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of

Four inches of snow fell Monday morning. The year's lowest temperature occured here Monday night when most thermometers registered 10 below. Local students continued with their education as usual during the cold wave, but all schools in the Hopkins County systems were closed. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Ella C. Pultz,

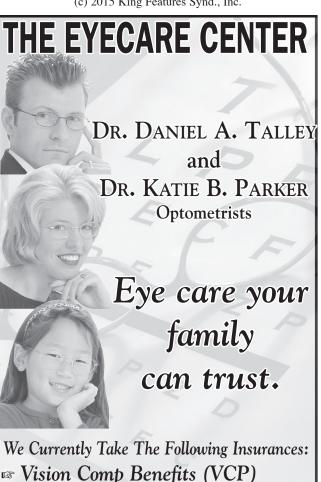
89, Sunday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in a cemetery in Belleville, Illinois.

Funeral services will be conducted for Mrs. Johnnie Lee Farar, 57, Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Beshear Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Dunn Cemetery.

Moment in time...

and the Seven Dwarfs, animated feature production. Naysayers, including his wife, warned him that audiences wouldn't sit through a cartoon fantasy about dwarfs, but the film quickly grossed \$8 million, a staggering sum during the Great Depression.

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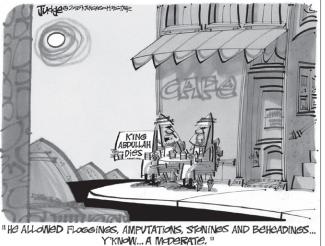
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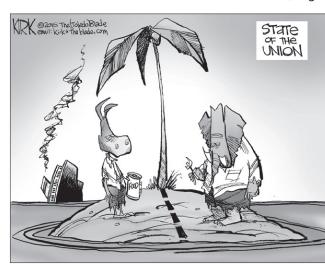
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Who will pay for free college?

"I have no more campaigns to run, I know because won both of them" was without doubt the most memorable statement in the State of the Union address presented by President Barack Obama.

Setting forth his agenda, the president confidently laid out plans that seem to extend well beyond his lame duck status or the challenge of a Congress with dual Republican majorities. One specific — and potentially expensive -

announcement was a proposal that the government cover the cost of community college tuition for all. Considered to be the education version of Obam-

acare, how long will it take before this concept earns its own nickname? There's a more obvious question here: Who is going to pay for this idea? The national debt has

increased by some \$7.5 billion during his tenure, and

government entitlement programs are becoming

financially unsustainable. But the president wants to cover everyone's tuition. The cost-sharing with states quickly may undermine the proposal. It calls for states to pay 25 percent of the cost. Kentucky and most other states already spend half or more of their budgets on education. Adding to the funding stress on state government

expansion brought on by the Affordable Care Act. On that point alone, state leaders should clearly express to President Obama that his proposal is simply unrealistic. The message is so plain you don't

are demands that have grown along with Medicare

need a community college education to share it: "If there's no money in the account, then you can't write the check."

No one opposes higher education, and making it available to everyone is a lofty and worthwhile objective. Clearly, efforts must be made to ensure the affordability of higher education.

The president's plan will create an expanded entitlement attitude. In fact, subsidies would be provided to people with the ability to pay. Indirectly, it would encourage more people to enroll in community colleges which potentially could jeopardize competitive four-year college programs.

It makes you wonder: If we like our current colleges, can we keep them, Mr. President?

America's opportunity for improvement in the global economy is directly related to educating future leaders and equipping tomorrow's workforce. But that comes at a cost. No magic wand exists.

Helping motivated individuals who need the help to achieve a higher education is a good thing. But idealistic rhetoric that has no significant future impact research attached to it would lead America down a continued path of spiraling national debt.

It's one thing to have a self-perceived great idea. It's a whole other thing to really think it through and know without doubt what the future impact will be.

—News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown

Letter to the editor

Reader remembers

I was just thinking about those pesky little insects that pop up every so often — the cicada. I never thought about them very much until someone asked how and why they sing. The noise is deafening.

I was told that the noise was made, not by rubbing their wings together but by a special organ on its underside that attracts the females because only the male insects make the noise.

Fast forward to next July 4. In the past, the Poe Barnett American Legion Post #310 has hosted a super party for its members and guests. I went to one of their July 4 parties years ago, and they had over 175 children attending. They had special prizes, a clown. games, balloons and hot dogs for the kids. There was also barbecued ribs and chicken for everyone. They even gave away two Mickey and Minnie Mouse watches as prizes and ice cream for everyone.

went like this: "If you don't have a team working together, it just don't work." That stuck with me. Another saying that everyone should note is: "Work hard, but don't hurry. Trust God, and don't worry.'

I haven't written lately, but there's spring in the air. I can feel it in my old bones. I love Kentucky, not just because of the Wildcats but because Kentucky is a state of small towns. Outside people refer to us as red necked hillbillies or Squaresville, U.S.A.

Three things always happen in small towns, morning, noon and night and where the only entertainment on Saturday nights is sitting on your front porch and watching the cars go by. Gossip is the town's leading pastime and a place where city slickers come to be outsmarted. Our people are basically honest. You don't have to

count your change, where everyone's birthdays are

remembered and business is done on a first name

basis and where even small promises are kept and a handshake means you honor your deal, and the only place you get clipped is in the barber chair. I love Dawson Springs and the people here. Our town slogan is "Dawson Springs, a very special place." Shoot, we knew that long before the slogan was introduced. Come see our little city on the Tradewater

River. We'd love to have you. Till next time, thanks for listening.

Ray Bochert **Dawson Springs**





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JENNY SEWELL (left) speaks with attorney general candidate Andy Beshear (center) and city councilman Mark McGregor at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park lodge Friday, Jan. 30.

Andy Beshear Campaigns In Dawson Springs

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young at the time. Because of his parents' schedules, it was often Ridley who read bedtime stories and said prayers with them, Beshear said, adding that she was also a task master, placing a great deal of emphasis on education.

pleased Beshear is Ridley has now been able to meet the next generation, his children Will and Lila, who he said influenced his decision to run for office. Beshear believes there is much that can be done through the attorney general's office to improve the quality of life in Kentucky.

"I want to use this job to build stronger families and safer communities," he said. "That's the state I want my kids to grow up in."

In particular, Beshear is concerned with the safety of children and seniors. He believes state laws should be updated to strengthen background check requirements for child care workers. Currently, more rigorous background checks are required to work for the

Lottery than to work in a day care, he said; and some industries, such as summer camps, are totally unregulated in Kentucky.

In the case of senior citizens, Beshear said at this time we have the largest population of seniors in history, and there has never been more data available on that demographic. He wants to prosecute those who prey upon seniors and to improve communication so that information about potential scams is made public before people fall for

Beshear said communities like Dawson Springs can come together to talk to one another and use their collective efforts to protect their seniors.

"I grew up in three Kentucky cities and live in a fourth, but I was always taught that my family is from Dawson Springs," Beshear said. "I want to make sure we have somebody in Frankfort who not only can get to Dawson Springs without a map but who wants to be its advocate, who understands how special Dawson Springs is."

Kentucky Gasoline Prices Have Fallen 2.1 Cents

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.08 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.7 cents per gallon in the past week to \$2.05 per gal-

Gas prices in Dawson Springs at noon Tuesday were \$1.89 and \$2.09 per gal-

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 117.5 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 3.7 cents per gallon lower than

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a month ago. The national average has decreased 15.7 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 122.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The four-month slide in gasoline prices has indeed come to a halt. A reduction in refinery output has been matched in recent weeks by sharp inceases in whole-

sale gasoline prices," said Greg Laskoski, GasBuddy. com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "Since Jan. 7 through Friday (Jan. 30) wholesale prices on average are up 20 cents per gallon, so there's no doubt now that the firstquarter climb is under way and is already being reflected in rising prices at the

Kynect Deadline Will Be Feb. 15

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rollment in a qualified health plan;

•18,533 individuals have newly enrolled in a qualified health plan;

•4,914 individuals have enrolled in dental plans; and "It's not too late to enroll in health-

care coverage through kynect, but the deadline is now only two weeks away," said Carrie Banahan, executive director of kynect. "If you or anyone you know remains without health insurance, the time to enroll in coverage through kynect is now. Please don't delay. Enroll as soon as possible." Those who need health insurance

are encouraged to log on or contact an insurance agent or kynector to see their options for quality, affordable health coverage in 2015 before the Feb. 15 deadline passes. Medicaid enrollment is open at any time.

More information about affordable health care options for Kentuckians is available at https://kynect.ky.gov or by calling 1-855-4kynect (459-6328).

Opinions Divided

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dation for a Healthy Kentucky. "KHIP data trends show overall support for the ACA has risen since 2013 as more Kentuckians have gotten information about the law. More work is needed to educate people about the law's provisions and potential impacts on families throughout the commonwealth."

As part of the ACA in Kentucky, 521,000 people enrolled for insurance in 2014 through Kentucky's online marketplace, kynect. Approximately 75 percent of those who have enrolled were previously uninsured. The KHIP findings in Kentucky are

similar to national views of the healthcare law. The October 2014 Kaiser Health Tracking Poll reported 43 percent had unfavorable views, 36 percent had favorable views and 20 percent did

KHIP was funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health, formerly the Health Foundation of Greataer Cincinnati. The poll was conducted Oct. 8 through Nov. 8 by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,597 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone, including landlines and

pump." DUR TAX CHECK!







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SECTION

Girls, Boys Fall To Lyons

The Panther girls and boys hosted Lyon County Friday night where the visitors swept both the basketball games. The Panther girls lost 63-24 in the first game while the boys dropped the late game 65-32.

In the girls game both teams were scoreless for more than three minutes before the Lyons (15-5) scored. They went on to take a 13-2 lead after the first

The Panthers (4-14) outscored the Lyons in the second quarter and were only down 22-13 at the half. However, a 23-point third

quarter gave the Lyons a 45-17 lead entering the fourth "We played a great first half. We kept it a 9 point-game at the half," Panther head coach

Erik Peyton said. "Holding

them to 22 points (in the first half) was excellent." The Panthers lost 57-23 to the Lyons in the 2nd Regional

All "A" Classic a week earlier. Panther junior twins Allie and Andie Mills led their team in scoring with six points each.

The Lyons' Barrett Blackburn led all scorers with 20

The Panthers made 10 of 21 from the charity stripe for 48 percent. The Lyons made seven of 10 for 70 percent.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP		
Al. Mills	2	0	2	6		
An. Mills	2	2	0	6		
Cotton	2	3	1	5		
Robinson	1	2	3	4		
Woolsey	0	1	2	1		
Hendrix	0	1	0	1		
Whalen	0	0	2	0		
Mitchell	0	0	4	0		
Orten	0	1	0	1		
TOTALS	7	10	14	24		
3-pointers: Al. Mills, 2						

Lyon County 13 22 45 63 2 13 17 Panthers

In the boys game the Panthers (5-14) kept it close early, but the Lyons (10-13) led 16-11 after the first quarter. That lead was stretched to 18 points as the Panthers faced a 33-15 deficit at the half. "We came out playing well

and for some reason we lost focus," Panther head coach Jeff Miller said. "I don't know if it was fatigue from playing the night before or what.'

The score was 46-24 after three quarters.

"We played well in the first quarter but then Lyon County picked up their pressure," Miller said. "We looked a little slower and a little tired."

Tanner Adams paced the Panthers and tied for gamehigh honors with 12 points.

The home team made five of 10 free throws for 50 percent. The Lyons made 16 of

25 for 64 percent.

The boys next games are at home as part of doubleheaders with the girls Friday and Saturday, Crittenden County comes to town Friday and Frederick Fraize will play in the homecoming game Saturday. The boys game begins at 2 p.m.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP		
Brooks	2	1	3	6		
Simpson	3	1	0	9		
Adams	5	2	4	12		
Dyer	0	0	1	0		
Putman	1	1	4	3		
Riley	0	0	1	0		
Clark	1	0	3	2		
Cunningham	0	0	3	0		
TOTALS	12	5	19	32		
3-pointers: Simpson, 2, Brooks						

Lyon County	16	33	46	65
Panthers	11	15	24	32



TANNER ADAMS puts in two of his team-best 12 points during the Panthers' 65-32 loss at home Friday against Lyon County. The Panthers fell to 4-14 with the loss.

Panthers Defeated By Russellville High

ANDIE MILLS puts in two of her game-high 27 points during a

69-50 loss to the Russellville Panthers Saturday at Panther gym.

The Russellville Panthers met the Dawson Springs Panthers Saturday at Panther gym in Dawson Springs. The Panthers came away with a 69-50 victory.

The winners, however, were the visitors from Russellville (5-16) and not our local Panthers (4-15).

The visitors took an 18-12 lead after the first quarter, then doubled that lead to 36-24 at the half.

Russellville reserve sophomore guard Denise Stovall torched the home team for 16 points in the first half. She was averaging only about five a game and did not score in the junior varsity contest.

Stovall had two 3-pointers and a 2-pointer in each quar-

"We prepared pretty well for the game, but no one told us about (Stovall)," head coach Erik Peyton said. "She was a scorer against us. That was the difference in the game."

Stovall didn't score another point after halftime as Peyton's squad focused more on her, but his team was still down 51-38 after three quar-

Junior Andie Mills scored a game-high 27 points for the home team.

"Andie got out of her shooting slump," Peyton said. "She was attacking the basket and drew fouls. She hit 10 of 12 free

On the defensive side, Peyton said the other Mills twin, Allie "did a good job limiting their scorer."

Tiki Robinson also reached double figures with 13 points. Behind the free throw

home team made 11 of 15 for 73 percent. Russellville made 19 of 29 for 66 percent. The Panther junior varsity

shooting of Andie Mills the

won 24-18. The game was close

throughout the first half with the home team leading 7-6 after the first quarter and 10-9 at the half. The local Panthers stretched the lead to 17-12 entering the final frame.

Erin Orten paced the home team with nine points. Kaylee Simpson had five; Kaitlynn Huddleston and Taylor Whalen each tallied three; and Paige Hendrix and Erin Woolsey each scored two points.

A rescheduled game at Hopkins County Central was played last night. The score was not known at press time.

The girls next two games are at Panther gym against Crittenden County on Friday and Frederick Fraize on Saturday. Both games are doubleheaders with the boys team. Saturday's afternoon game will be homecoming.

The girls play Tuesday at Caldwell County.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP		
Al. Mills	1	0	5	2		
An. Mills	8	10	2	27		
Cotton	1	0	4	2		
Robinson	6	1	3	13		
Woolsey	0	0	5	0		
Huddleston	0	0	1	0		
Hendrix	0	0	1	0		
Mitchell	0	0	1	0		
Winters	3	0	2	6		
TOTALS	19	11	24	50		
3-pointers: An. Mills						

Russellville 18 36 51 **Panthers** 12 24 38 50

Livingston Beats Panthers

Livingston Central hosted the Panther boys Thursday for a varsity/junior varsity tilt in which the Cardinals bested the Panthers (5-13) in both games. The Cardinals (2-15) won the varsity contest

The Panthers fell behind 15-10 after the opening quarter, but gave up 21 secondquarter points while only scoring seven for a 36-17 halftime deficit.

The score after three quarters was 48-30.

"It was a rough game," head coach Jeff Miller said. "We played with them for a while. It just got too rough for us. The score didn't reflect how we played. I don't believe they are 21 points better than us."

Dylan Simpson led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 14 points.

The Cardinals had 13 players reach the scoring column and were led by Tanner Rodgers' 12 points.

The Panthers made eight of 13 free throws for 62 percent. Livingston Central made 16 of 29 for 55 percent.

"It got really, really physical in the second quarter," Miller said. "We were turning the ball over but it was because of how rough it was. We tried to battle back but it was tough for our sophmores and freshmen."

"That's probably the worst officiated game I've ever been a part of," Miller added. In the junior varsity con-

test the Cardinals won 49-30.

The game was close during the first half as the Panthers were behind 9-7 after the first quarter and 22-17 at the half. However, Livingston Central pulled away with

a big third quarter to take a 38-21 lead into the fourth

quarter. Austin Clark led the Panthers in scoring with 11 points. Caleb Hickerson tallied eight: Cole Cunningham and Dakota Jones each had three; Justin Putman and Owin Riley each scored two: and David Price added one

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Brooks	3	2	2	8
Simpson	5	3	1	14
Adams	2	0	5	4
Dyer	0	0	4	0
Putman	4	1	2	9
Clark	1	2	4	4
Cunninghan	n 1	0	0	2
TOTALS	8	18	41	
3-pointers: S	า			

10 17 30 41 **Panthers** Livingston 15 36 48 62

Summer League Will Meet

The Dawson Springs Youth League summer T-ball, PeeWee ball, softball and baseball sign-ups are scheduled for Feb. 8, 15, 22 and March 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the municipal park concession stand. There is also a possibility of a late sign-up date

Free Throw Contest Winners Announced

The Knights of Columbus free throw contest was held Jan. 24 in the Dawson Springs High School gym. Winners in the girls' divi-

sion were as follows: Natalee Oldham, age 9; Natasha Wigley, age 10; Trinity Randolph, age 11; Amber Putman, age 12; and Denisha Randolph,

In the boys' division, the winners were: Trenton Shuck, age 9; Dilyn Skinner, age 10; Wesley Shuck, age 11; Skyler Clark, age 12; and Ethan Huddleston, age 13. The district level competi-

tion will be held at the Dawson Springs gym Feb. 14 at 9

Junior Varsity, Freshmen Win Pair Over Christian Fellowship

The junior varsity and freshman boys basketball teams swept a pair of games Monday at Christian Fellowship. The junior varsity won 38-30 while the freshmen came out on top 47-46 in double over-

In the exciting freshman game, the score was tied at nine each after the first quar-

ter. The Panthers took a 19-16 lead into the halftime break but faced a 29-25 deficit after three quarters. The visitors came back to

tie the score at 38 at the end of regulation.

Both teams scored five points in the first overtime

and were knotted at 43. Caleb Hickerson and Kevin

in the second overtime while their hosts had one field goal and one free throw to give the Panthers the win.

Brooks each hit a field goal

Austin Clark, who fouled out, led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points. Owin Riley also reached double figures with 10 points.

Hickerson and Justin Put-Panthers in scoring with 11

man each tallied seven; Brooks and Ethan Garrison had four; and Cole Cunningham scored two points.

In the junior varsity game the Panthers led after each quarter break: 12-8 after the first; 21-10 at the half; and 32-22

after three quarters. Dylan Simpson led the points. Schyuler Storms also hit double figures with 10. Tanner Adams tallied

seven; Putman had four; and Taylor Edwards and Clark each scored three points.

The junior varsity and freshman games scheduled for Thursday at home against Caldwell County have been cancelled.

Perfect Pinnacle: Deja vu for 22-0 Kentucky

Lone unbeaten in the Land-of-D-I. Kentucky (22-0) heads to another clamorous SEC outpost where a throng of hostiles wait in numbers that invite a simple, SRO. Destination Gainesville, Florida. History says the last time a UK team

occupied the perfect pinnacle and was awash in noisy admiration, national acclaim and yes, derision too, was March 4, 1966, a Friday.

Kentucky was 22-0, its climb up the polls had blossomed from Little Engine-That-Could storyline to America's Team. (Duke was a hoops prep school). Closer to home the team was Rupp's

Runts. A sure-handed, good shooting and unselfish to a fault, team. One destined for Land-of-Beloved, Coach Adolph Rupp was

less grouchy, warmed by glow of praise and grrrrreat adjectives. A Sports Illustrated cover story was on its way: Man in the Brown Suit, College Coach of the Year. By first week of the NCAAs, Rupp had passed his old coach at Kansas, Phog Allen, become winningest coach in college hoops, 747.

On that Friday in March 1966 the news item drawing most media attention beyond the war in Vietnam and Kentucky's basketball team, was John Lennon. In a fit of giddy sacrilege that mortified his English handlers, Lennon had the cheek to declare to a reporter, "We (The Beatles) are more popular than

While Billy Graham gasped and Oral Roberts fainted (we think), the stir and storm Lennon created let Rupp and America's Team file quietly onto a charter bus and head down U.S. 25 to Knoxville where Howard Baine and his brutish bunch awaited.

From that Friday on, perhaps ignited by the curse of a Sports Illustrated cover, and fired certainly by a

media concoction after the NCAA title game in College Park, Maryland, Rupp's Runts were transformed from America's team into five white guys and its racist coach.

Fast forward near half-a-century and another No. 1 ranked and unblemished Kentucky team files onto a charter plane this week and heads to Gainesville. For fans old enough to recall Tennessee's manhandling their Wildcats 49 years ago (69-62 and wasn't that close), a win this Saturday would be extra sweet.

Put in current perspective ...

While anything short of a 40-0 season will deny this Kentucky team lofty praise as America's team in today's hoops world (Duke is no longer a prep school), the 2014-15 Wildcats are special, to a man, and becoming more so for every blue-to-white platoon change out. Most remarkable, a growing maturity with it's team-ness.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats remain the lone unbeaten in the Land-of-D-I.

Louisville-Carolina

A stinging loss (at Carolina Jan. 13), Rick Pitino called it, was erased when the Cardinals exhausted and beat down North Carolina Saturday.

 $\sqrt{\text{Spotted}}$ the visitors an 18-point lead ... then, classic Pitino Ball. Turn up the heat, create bedlam, defend as if there are seven of us, and presto, new evidence: Team nobody wants to play in February and certainly not in March, Louisville.

Sports in

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 $\sqrt{\text{Terry Rozier}}$ is an All-American, period, If there were a Mr. Clutch Award, he would own it.

√ Montrezl Harrell is a special talent, but his showboat theatrics will bring special attention at next level from the lummox who takes offense to being shown up. Harrell's antics prove that Pitino has mellowed since his time at Kentucky. For showboating, Antoine

Walker was benched.

√ Compared to Pitino's relentless whip-and-drive 'em' passion to coach, Tar Heels' Roy Williams is a veritable pygmy at firing his team to, against UofL, protect a two-digit lead. The Tar Heels looked tired, out of shape and disjointed and their coach had no

Methinks Williams is pre-occupied with NCAA investigation of his program at Chapel Hill.

If Tar Heel basketball players took phantom classes dating to Dean Smith coaching days as alleged, the question rises: Will the NCAA rule Williams "not responsible because he didn't know" (John Calipari free pass at UMass and Memphis), or, will UNC's coach be held accountable based on what a coach should know is going on in his program?

Game gone ugly?

"... (college basketball) as a whole is ugly and slow and unskilled," sayeth Yahoo Sports' Pat Forde in a column the other day.

The two teams at the top, he added, (UK and, at the time, Virginia) "aren't helping."

Specifically, he opines, "Kentucky's best attribute is sheer size and brute force and watching the Wildcats play isn't "exactly a thrill ride."

That college basketball has become brutish, at times hard to watch, and worse, NBA-ish, is true.

But to the latter, Forde' betrays having not watched Kentucky play or has chosen to accentuate defenses played against the Wildcats and ignore the open floor doings of Tyler Ulis, graceful firings by Devin Booker and opportunities created by both for teammates.

I would add, officiating of college games, ones on television at least, are weak, uneven and officials look the other way while coaches behave like children at the playground.

And so it goes.

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Hunters record 2nd-highest deer harvest

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

After two seasons of record harvests, Kentucky's deer hunters kept the pace up this past season. The 2014-15 season closed on Jan. 19 with 138,892

deer checked; the second highest total on record and third consecutive season with a harvest exceeding "I'm happy," said Gabe Jenkins, deer and elk pro-

gram coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "There are a lot of deer on the landscape, and we're seeing an uptick in license sales. We're providing hunting opportunity and our hunters are able to be successful. As an agency, that's what we want to do." A record 144,409 deer were taken during the 2013-14

season when a spotty acorn crop put deer on the move. Acorns were plentiful across much of the state this

time around. Recognizing this, many hunters likely shifted their focus from field edges to the timber and travel corridors instead. A strong opening month and an unprecedented

start to the modern gun deer season emerged as key "The three seasons where we have had our three

greatest harvests have featured big Novembers," said David Yancy, deer biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "And there's no question September has become more important or more interesting to hunters. I think hunters have gotten to where they like it and can't wait to get out there.

Hunters checked 5,928 deer in September, the third highest total on record for that month. Favorable weather across the state spurred a record harvest on opening weekend of modern gun deer season.

Compared to the previous season, the modern gun harvest finished at 102,889, down less than 2 percent from the season before.

Archers bagged 18,368 deer and muzzleloader hunt-

Kentucky Afield



Kentucky hunters telechecked 138,892 deer during the 2014-2015 deer season that closed Jan. 19. This is the second highest total on record. Kentucky deer hunters bagged a record 144,409 deer in the 2013-2014 season.

ers 14,673. Crossbow hunters accounted for 2,962 of the harvest total.

Owen County again led the state. Hunters there checked 3,470 whitetails. Pendleton County was next with 3,305 followed by Crittenden County at 3,224, Christian County at 3,062 and Graves County at 2,964.

The majority of deer taken were male. Female deer accounted for 45.7 percent of the overall harvest.

Biologists estimated the statewide herd at 1 million deer entering this past season. Herd estimates are derived through computer modeling that takes into account harvest and age structure data.

Looking ahead, the prospects are promising for a strong 2015-16 season.

'We really had a more pronounced December and January rut," Jenkins said. "Those late ruts are usually an indicator of herd health. I heard a lot of people talking about fawns cycling in January. That's strictly related to health; the fact that they're good, fat and capable of doing that. More than likely, they will have a fawn, and that equates to more fawns on the landscape this spring which equates to more hunting opportunity next season.'

The Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide annually features a list of trophy bucks harvested the previous season that met qualifications for entry into the Boone and Crockett Club's record books. A buck must net score 160 or higher typical or 185 or higher nontypical, as determined by the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

Hunters who want their trophy included in the list should send a non-returnable photo, copies of the completed and signed score sheets, and include the county in which the deer was taken and the equipment used to harvest the deer to: Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 by May 1, 2015. The same information may also be submitted electronically by emailing info.center@

'Our Boone and Crockett submission numbers nave been high over the past five years," Jenkıns sa "That's a good indicator of health and herd quality."

Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Henderson couple on wildlife rescue series

Linda Williams and Max Soaper usually turn into bed early — really early. The couple run the nonprofit Misfit Island, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center located on 500 acres of property off Zion Road in Henderson, across from Henderson County High

With thousands of animals to take care of — the couple took in 491 animals last year — they start their day in the early morning hours. Staying up late is impractical most nights.

Jan. 17 wasn't most nights. That's when "Bandit Patrol," a four-part, one-hour reality series about wildlife rescue and rehabilitation in western Kentucky premiered on Nat Geo Wild. Soaper and Williams star in the series.

"It seems like it's not real yet," said Williams. "Yeah, we see ourselves with the TV commercials and doing these interviews, but it's unbelievable.'

Williams said she blew off JWM Productions, the company that produces "Bandit Patrol," when they started calling in August 2013. She thought it was a

After hanging up on them several times, she finally took the call and listened to their pitch. The production company had been searching since 2010 for wildlife rescue volunteers with the right passion, commitment and

dedication to rehabilitating animals. "So they found us," Williams said.

Soaper has been taking care of animals for about 35 years. He got Williams into wildlife rescue when they began dating 14 years ago. They opened Misfit Island in

"His saying is that when he noticed the animals

loved me and liked me, he locked the gate and never let me go," Williams said, laughing. The cameras filmed the couple doing their normal

day-to-day routines of rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals. The show will reflect the hard work and dedication it takes for the job.

"Hopefully, it's just letting people know that there are rehabilitators out there," Soaper said. "This is what we do — we help the animals. So you don't necessarily have to leave them on the side of the road. There are people that can help worldwide.'

Misfit Island does what's called soft release. Every animal that comes into the facility and onto the sanctuary is then released onto the property. It's especially a safe haven for animals that are blind or missing a limb, because the food is provided and there are no preda-

"We'll give animals a chance that most people wouldn't," Soaper said. "If they are blind, they can still live a normal life.'

The menagerie of critters include deer, skunks, possums, raccoons, gray and red squirrels, groundhogs, hawks, owls, a beaver, ducks, geese, two miniature pigs and a white-nosed Coatimundi named Scooter.

During a Skype interview that was scheduled after the initial talk, JWM asked if the couple ever networked with other area wildlife rescue people. They gave them the names of Kristin Allen of Owensboro and Nancy Reynolds of Manitou in Hopkins County. Both women are also featured in the series.

JMW Productions traveled to western Kentucky to shoot an eight-minute promotional video in September 2013. Nat Geo Wild greenlit the show, which was chosen over 1,000 other reality programs, Williams said.

Filming began at the end of February last year and continued through July. The crews were there just in time for baby season. Williams said she's usually slammed with newborn wildlife by the second or third week of March.

The film production folks got an education on wildlife, sometimes even pitching in with a few feedings and rescues.

"You can't say no to a lot of screaming raccoons when you run out of hands," said Soaper.

"Or when you've got 35 fawns that are wanting a bottle at the same time," added Williams.

She had been nervous about being on television, but seeing the promo helped calm her nerves. Both she and Soaper called it the greatest honor to be recognized by National Geographic.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," Williams said. "It doesn't matter if we get a second season or not. It's that recognition and a learning experience. It's an honor and it's so much to take in.'

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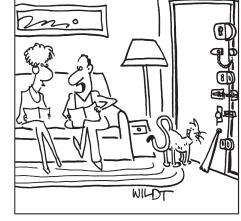
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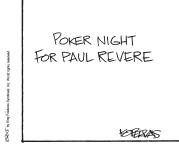






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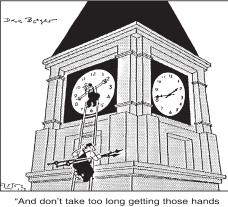
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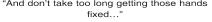
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by Dave T. Phipps







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By Keith Roach, M.D. **Patient Fights Doctor's Advice**

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 95 now and take no medications. My primary-care doctor wants me to take aspirin, even

just the baby aspirin, twice a week. Some of the supplements I take do have blood-thinning characteristics, and for that reason I am fighting the aspirin recommendation. In general, is it OK to refuse the recommendation of one's doctor? -- F.V.

ANSWER: It is your body, and you have every right to make decisions about your treatment. However, you should be very circumspect about overruling your doctor, and you should be doing so for very good reasons. Your doctor has the obligation to tell you why he or she is recommending a treatment and what the downsides are from not taking it. You, on the other hand, are obliged to tell your doctor the truth.

In your case, it sounds like you don't want to take the aspirin because you feel the supplements you are taking have a similar effect to aspirin. Very few supplements, if any, have been studied as well as aspirin has. Aspirin has a clear risk of side effects, especially bleeding, but most evidence shows that it reduces the risk of heart attack more than it increases the risk of bleeding. It also might reduce cancer risk.

The higher the risk of heart disease, the better aspirin is, in terms of risks versus benefits. At 95, your risk for heart attack is higher than a 50-yearold's, and so it would be expected to have more benefit than harm. So while I agree with your doctor to take it, I also respect your decision not to. Be sure you discuss your supple-

ments with your doctor. DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had

stomach pain on my lower left side for several months. Other symptoms include occasional heartburn, bloating ANSWERS TO

and almost constant burping. My doctor is treating it with metronidazole, clarithromycin and omeprazole. Could these be symptoms of stomach cancer? -- D.W.

ANSWER: Abdominal pain, heartburn and belching are nonspecific symptoms that can be associated with many conditions. The most common would be GERD (gastro-esophageal reflux disease), gastritis and stomach ulcer. The combination of medications your doctor is treating you with is for the bacteria H. pylori, which can cause gastritis and ulcers. Eradication of the infection, which is very common, can heal ulcers and relieve symptoms. H. pylori can be diagnosed definitively by a breath test or a stool test, or by biopsy of the stomach. A blood test shows evidence of old infection, but it isn't

completely accurate. Stomach cancer has vague symptoms as well, and requires a high degree of suspicion. Stomach symptoms that don't improve with treatment, or that have worrisome features like weight loss, early satiety (the feeling of being full after eating only a small amount of food) or bleeding should cause the doctor to consider an endoscopy to look at the stomach. New onset of symptoms in someone over 55 also should be con-

sidered for endoscopy. Treatment of H. pylori may reduce future risk of gastric cancer (that's stomach cancer).

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column

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In order to receive this honor, Ashley had to participate in two auditions, one in Owensboro at the district level and one at the state level in Elizabethtown. She received 19th chair in the second-highest

band out of approximately 450 clarinetists who auditioned. According to band director John Grace, she is the first clarinetist in the school's history to make the All-State Band.

Clay Cunningham of Madisonville, a senior saxophonist at Hopkins County Central, was also named to the All-State Band.

The two students are now in Louisville for practices and will play in a concert Saturday at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts.

Oil Painting Weekend Set For Pennyrile State Park

Resort Park will hold its Landscape Oil Painting Weekend Feb. 20-22.

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ETHAN JOHNSON was one of the children who enjoyed an indoor mock snowball fight Thursday, Jan. 15, during the children's storyhour session at the local library.

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Kentucky of made 2014 a momentous year in the fight to save lives. With 998 Kentuckians on the waiting list for an organ transplant, there is no better time to join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. In 2014, 103 unself-

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ish individuals in Kentucky were able to save 332 lives, and many more individuals were able to enhance someone's life or give sight through tissue and cornea donation. Still more than 124,000 patients are currently waiting for their organ transplants. Tragically, each day 21 patients lose their fight, and their lives, waiting. Kentucky's circuit clerks are determined to make a difference and end the

"When you get your license or state ID, we ask if you would like to donate \$1 to increase public education about the mission of organ donation in Kentucky. We also ask if you wish to be a registered organ donor. Every person who says yes gives hope to all those patients on the waiting list," said Hopkins Circuit Clerk Karen McKnight.

Last year was a record year for Kentucky, thanks to the circuit clerks and their hardworking staff. In 2014, 44.5 percent of Kentuckians donated \$1`to the organ donation awareness program. The Kentucky Organ Donor Registry reached a milestone and celebrated 1.5 million Kentuckians registered as donors.

"Without the circuit clerks and deputies, we may not have 50,000 names on the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Because of their questions at driver's license, over 1.5 million Kentuckians have joined," said Shelley Snyder, executive director of the

Circuit Clerks Encourage Organ Donation Circuit Clerks Trust For Life program. "Until this mission touches your family, many don't realize how vital it is that everyone joins the registry. If it was my husband or my friend who needed a transplant to live another day, I would want them to have one. That's why I'm a registered donor. If I can save a life when I'm gone, I'm willing to do it."

Kicking off 2015 with heart, McKnight's office is reaching out to those in Hopkins County who have been touched by the mission of organ donation. These stories will be compiled into an inspiring, online wall dedicated to raising awareness about this mission. Current stories can be found at www.trustforlife.org.

"Many people have been touched by the gift of organ and tissue donation here. By sharing these incredible journeys, we can inspire others to say yes at the driver's license window," said McKnight. "We are such a supportive community. I hope more

people will realize the need that is right here in our county. It doesn't cost anything to join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. We hope to have over 50 percent of Kentuckians registered by next year.'

MEMBERS of the staff of the Hopkins County Circuit Court Clerk's office are (front, from left) Lisa Ford, Tanya

Bowman, Karen Burns, Andy Ausenbaugh; (second row) Chelsea Pearson, Lindsay Browning, Megann Cates,

Anita Patterson, Kathy Sykes, Mitzi Fields, Debbie Tyson, Lawana Noffsinger; (third row) Lyndsey Garst,

Renee Ferrantino, Becky Brooks, Marisa Reed, Amanda Knowles. Not pictured: Karen McKnight, clerk, Ruth

Local donor families, transplant recipients and families, and those who may need a transplant one day are invited to share their stories www.trustforlife.org or by phoning 1-866-945-5433. Their involvement will educate others about the powerful gift of dona-

"In 2014, Hopkins County residents donated \$4,042 to the Trust For Life, and 817 residents joined the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. I am proud of the generosity of our community and appreciate your support of this life-saving mission," said McKnight.

Currently, 47 percent of Hopkins County residents are registered donors. Everyone can register as a donor regardless of age or medical history.



ANDY BESHEAR (left) chats with Mayor Jenny Sewell and Steve Everly, manager of the local Food Giant, while visiting Dawson Springs Friday,



DAWSON SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students of the month for December are (front, from left) Cheyenne Hazelbaker, Haylee O'Neil, Montgomery Johnston, Eryn Sizemore; (back) principal Jennifer Ward, Mackenzie Creekmur, Ethan Osborne, Maddie Huddleston, and Michelle Teague.



PARTICIPATING in ribborn cutting ceremonies at Southern Notions and Southern Belles Florist and Gifts on West Railroad Avenue in Dawson Springs Monday, Feb. 2, are (from left) police chief Jonathan Sholar, Charlie Beshears, JoAnn Edwards, Hank Mills, Anna Lipford, Leslie Mills, Emilee Workman, Lindsey O'Bryan, Elizabeth Robinson, Brad Rose, Tammy Workman, Kent Workman, Tabitha Davis, Kevin Stockman, Janet Hamby, and Anita Black.